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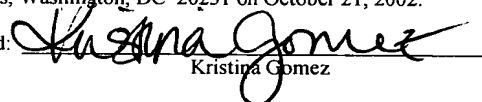
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Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicant(s) submit the list of these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make these references of official record in this application. The above-identified application is a continuation application of prior application U.S. Patent Application No. 09/137,960, now U.S. Patent RE 37,493. This prior application is being relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Because the listed references were either cited by the PTO, or submitted to the PTO in the prior application, under 37 CFR § 1.98(d) Applicant(s) submit that copies need not be provided.

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Respectfully submitted,

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